

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED 2022 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

and

REPORT ON THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER AIR POLLUTION IN THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) will be held on **Friday, December 2, 2022** (subject to change) in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), auditorium seating availability may be limited and the meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. Please refer to South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this public hearing also concerns a report on the health impacts of ozone and particulate matter air pollution in the South Coast Air Basin. The report has been included in Appendix I (Health Effects) of the 2022 AQMP.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2022 AQMP is designed to meet federal Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements and addresses the attainment demonstration requirements of the federal CAA for the South Coast Air Basin (Orange County, and the non-desert regions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) and Coachella Valley (the desert portion of Riverside County in the Salton Sea Air Basin).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2022 AQMP will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval and inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2022 AQMP addresses the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS or standard). The 2022 AQMP establishes transportation emission budgets for the standard based on the latest motor vehicle emissions model and planning assumptions. The 2022 AQMP also incorporates significant new scientific data, emissions inventories, ambient measurements, control measures and air quality models. The 2022 AQMP is jointly developed by the South Coast AQMD, CARB, and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2022 AQMP includes new information on key elements such as:

- Current air quality and health effects of air pollution;
- Updated emissions inventories;

- An overall control strategy comprised of: South Coast AQMD's Stationary and Mobile Source Control Measures, CARB's State Strategy for South Coast, and SCAG's Transportation Control Measures;
- An attainment demonstration for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard in 2037 for both the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley;
- Federal and state CAA requirements including Reasonably Available Control Measures demonstration, Reasonable Further Progress for milestone years, and Transportation Conformity Budget;
- Current and future air quality for the Desert (Coachella Valley) Nonattainment Area SIP;
- A request to reclassify the Coachella Valley's nonattainment status for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard from "severe-15" to "extreme;" and
- Environmental Justice communities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Draft 2022 AQMP was released for public comment and review on May 6, 2022, followed by three regional workshops held on May 25 and 26, 2022 to solicit public input. Eighty comment letters were received on the Draft 2022 AQMP. In response to the comments, a Revised Draft 2022 AQMP was released on September 2, 2022 for public comment and review. Public comment on the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP will be accepted until October 18, 2022.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that five regional public hearings will be held on October 12, 18, 19, and 20, 2022 to discuss the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP. Notice was given of these hearings pursuant to the requirements under the Health and Safety Code Section 40466.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Draft Socioeconomic Report for the 2022 AQMP is being prepared and will be released for a 30-day public comment and review period.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following 2022 AQMP documents will be available for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Revised Draft 2022 AQMP and accompanying appendices (Draft Final 2022 AQMP to be available prior to the Public Hearing);
- Draft Program Environmental Impact Report; and
- Draft Socioeconomic Report for the 2022 AQMP (Draft Final Socioeconomic Report to be available prior to the Public Hearing).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that comment letters submitted to the South Coast AQMD on the 2022 AQMP are available online (<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/2022-aqmp-public-comments>). Responses to comments on the Revised Draft 2022 AQMP and on the Draft Socioeconomic Report for the 2022 AQMP will be released for consideration prior to the Governing Board Hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all the documents listed above will be available on the 2022 AQMP website at (<http://www.aqmd.gov/2022aqmp>), or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from Derrick Alatorre - Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD's Governing Board may adopt the 2022 AQMP or variations of the 2022 AQMP, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt all or part of the 2022 AQMP.

Questions, comments, or requests on the 2022 AQMP can be directed to: Sang-Mi Lee, Ph.D., Planning and Rules Manager, via email AQMPteam@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3169. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Barbara Radlein, Program Supervisor, bradlein@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2716. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Report can be directed to: Elaine Shen, Ph.D., Planning and Rules Manager, eshen@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2715. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may attend and provide oral or written statements on any or all of the documents listed above at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Hearing. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Requests can be sent to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2432 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: September 23, 2022

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards